#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **PUBLIC HEARING #1-TAX INCREASE**

#### AUGUST 11, 2011

#### MINUTES

# THE STATE OF TEXAS § COUNTIES OF HARRIS & MONTGOMERY §

The Board of Directors of The Woodlands Township met in special session, open to the public, on August 11, 2011, posted to begin at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the office of The Woodlands Township, Service Center, 2201 Lake Woodlands Drive, The Woodlands, Texas, within the boundaries of The Woodlands Township.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Secretary Claude Hunter, Treasurer Ed Robb, Director Tom Campbell, and

Director Peggy Hausman

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Chairman Bruce Tough, Vice Chairman Lloyd Matthews, and Director Nelda

Blair

STAFF/ADVISORS: Don Norrell, President/General Manager, John Powers, Assistant General

Manager Community Services, Monique Sharp, Assistant General Manager of Finance & Administration, Susan Welbes, Director of Human Resources, Fire Chief Alan Benson, and Nick Wolda, Director of Community Relations/CVB

President

Note: Secretary Hunter presided as Chair.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;

The Pledge of Allegiance was waived.

### CALL TO ORDER AND CONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION;

Secretary Hunter called the meeting to order at 6:51 p.m. and declared that notice of this meeting was posted 72 hours in advance at the Courthouses of Montgomery and Harris Counties and inside the boundaries of The Woodlands Township at the office building located at 2201 Lake Woodlands Drive, The Woodlands, Texas. As there was a quorum of members present, the Board proceeded to conduct business regarding the following matters.

#### CONSIDER AND ACT UPON ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA;

Secretary Hunter called for a motion and second to adopt the meeting agenda.

MOTION: Treasurer Robb moved to adopt the agenda; second by Director Campbell

**VOTE:** Ayes: Secretary Hunter

Treasurer Robb Director Campbell Director Hausman

Nays: None

Abstentions: None Absent: Chairman Tough

Vice Chairman Matthews

**Director Blair** 

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously (4-0).

# <u>PURPOSE OF HEARING-PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING THE PROPOSED 2011 AD VALOREM TAX RATE OF THE WOODLANDS TOWNSHIP;</u>

Secretary Hunter remarked that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive public comment regarding the proposed 2011 ad valorem tax rate of The Woodlands Township. The public was informed that due to Truth-in-Taxation laws, comments during the Public Hearing would be restricted to the topic of the proposed tax rate and that comments on the proposed 2012 budget as well as other comments regarding other topics would not be permitted.

Monique Sharp was then called on to make a brief presentation. Ms. Sharp provided a historical overview of The Woodlands Township's ad valorem tax rate beginning in 2009 and leading up to the 2011 ad valorem tax rate.

Following Ms. Sharp's presentation, Secretary Hunter opened the floor to public comment on the proposed tax rate. No comments were received.

# SET TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2011, 7;30 P.M., AT 2201 LAKE WOODLANDS DRIVE, THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS AS THE DATE, TIME AND LOCATION THAT THE WOODLANDS TOWNSHIP WILL HOLD ITS SECOND PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE:

Secretary Hunter then stated that the next Public Hearing on the tax increase would occur on Tuesday, August 16, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. at 2201 Lake Woodlands Drive, The Woodlands, Texas.

# CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE DATE, TIME AND LOCATION FOR THE MEETING AT WHICH THE 2011 AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR THE WOODLANDS TOWNSHIP WILL BE ADOPTED; AND

Secretary Hunter called on Don Norrell to present information on this item. Mr. Norrell explained that Director Blair had requested that a Special meeting of the Board be held on Wednesday, August 24, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at the Board Chambers location to adopt the 2011 ad valorem tax rate for The Woodlands Township.

<u>MOTION:</u> Treasurer Robb moved to hold a Special meeting of the Board on August 24, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at the Board Chambers office building located at 10001 Woodloch Forest Drive, The Woodlands, Texas at which the 2011 ad valorem tax rate for The Woodlands Township will be adopted; second by Director Campbell. Board discussion followed.

VOTE: Ayes: Secretary Hunter Treasurer Robb

Director Campbell Director Hausman

Nays: None

Abstentions: None Absent: Chairman Tough

Vice Chairman Matthews

Director Blair

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously (4-0).

An Executive Summary for the above item is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

#### **ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE**

As there was no further business to discuss, Secretary Hunter called for a motion and second to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

MOTION: Motion by Treasurer Robb; second by Director Hausman

VOTE:

Ayes: Secretary Hunter Treasurer Robb Director Campbell Director Hausman

Nays: None Abstentions: None Absent: Chairman Tough

Vice Chairman Matthews

Director Blair

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously (4-0).

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Claude Hunter

Secretary, Board of Directors

## **EXHIBIT OMISSIONS\***

## **EXHIBIT "A"**

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